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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF INITIAL SPRING TROLL OPENINGS:

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50) May 1–2 and May 5–6

Port Saint Nicholas (103-60) May 1–4

Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30) May 1–2 and May 6–7

Sitka Sound (113-41) May 1–5

Salisbury Sound (113-62) May 1–2 and May 7–8

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) May 1 and May 4

Weekly troll openings will be announced by advisory announcement each Friday starting May 8. The Western Channel, Goddard, West Crawfish Inlet, Mountain Point, and Rock Point spring troll Chinook areas will open initially during the week of May 31. The Northern Chatham Strait, Point Couverden, Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait enhanced chum salmon areas will open on June 15; Chinook salmon retention is prohibited. Maps of THA/SHA and spring troll areas and additional details on the fishery are provided in the 2020 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan, available in area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollspring.

Fishing time in an area may be extended based on inseason assessment of coded wire tag data and historic harvest timing information. It is extremely important to segregate fish caught in different fishery areas so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. If salmon are harvested in multiple areas, each troller and tender is required to report these catches on separate fish tickets [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

Terminal and Special Harvest Area (THA/SHA) openings will occur as follows:

Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1– July 30 to troll gear, unless closed by emergency order
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1– September 20 to troll gear, unless closed by emergency order
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	June 1– September 20 to troll gear, unless closed by emergency order
Port Armstrong SHA (109-11)	June 1–30 to troll gear unless closed by emergency order
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	June 1–30 to troll gear unless closed by emergency order
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1, see troll gear schedule in Anita Bay advisory announcement
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 6, see troll gear schedule in Deep Inlet advisory announcement
Neets Bay THA (101-95)	June 15, see troll gear schedule in Neets Bay advisory announcement
Thomas Bay SHA (110-12)	June 21, see troll gear schedule in Thomas Bay advisory announcement
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	June 21, see troll gear schedule in Southeast Cove advisory announcement

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:

KETCHIKAN AREAS

Mountain Point (Fishery Area 101-45) modified area: In the waters of George and Carroll inlets north of a line from Mountain Point at 55°17.57′ N lat, 131°32.41′ W long, to Cutter Rocks Light at 55°17.34′ N lat, 131°31.47′ W long, to 55°17.57′ N lat, 131°28.18′ W long, including all waters of George Inlet and waters of Carroll Inlet south of the latitude of California Head at 55°19.57′ N lat.

Rock Point (Fishery area 101-46): In the waters of Carroll Inlet north of the latitude of California Head at 55°19.57′ N lat and south of Nigelius Point at 55°33.50′ N lat.

<u>Carroll Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-48)</u>: In the waters of Carroll Inlet north of the latitude of Nigelius Point at 55°33.50′ N lat, from June 1–30.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-95): In the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.14′ W long, and west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86′ W long, until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

The THA will open to troll gear from 12:01 a.m., June 15, through 11:59 p.m., July 6, unless closed by emergency order. The Neets Bay THA will expand on July 1 for troll gear to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10′ W long.

WRANGELL AND PRINCE OF WALES AREAS

Bucareli Bay (Fishery area 103-50): In the waters of Ursua Channel and Bucareli, Trocadero, and San Alberto bays south of a line from Point Polocano at 55°32.37′ N lat, 133°17.38′ W long, to the northernmost tip of Abbess Island at 55°33.78′ N lat, 133°10.81′ W long, to a point on Peratrovich Island at 55°35.19′ N lat, 133°07.09′ W long, to Cemetery Point at 55°33.82′ N lat, 133°06.36′ W long, to the northernmost tip of Klawock Island at 55°33.42′ N lat, 133°06.39′ W long, south and west of a line from Cape Suspiro at 55°27.48′ N lat, 133°08.54′ W long, to the northernmost tip of Toti Island at 55°24.90′ N lat, 133°07.34′ W long, to Point Miraballes at 55°25.86′ N lat, 133°05.20′ W long, and northeast of a line from Point Amargura at 55°27.00′ N lat, 133°21.65′ W long to 55°24.67′ N lat, 133°21.18′ W long, to Point Providence at 55°21.51′ N lat, 133°16.23′ W long.

Port Saint Nicholas (Fishery area 103-60): In the waters of Port Saint Nicholas and Bucareli Bay north and east of a line from Cape Suspiro at 55°27.48′ N lat, 133°08.54′ W long, to the northernmost tip of Toti Island at 55°24.90′ N lat, 133°07.34′ W long, to Point Miraballes at 55°25.86′ N lat, 133°05.20′ W long.

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 107-35): In the waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point at 56°13.68′ N lat, 132°22.48′ W long, to a point on the northern shore at 56°14.26′ N lat, 132°23.93′ W long.

From June 15 through July 10, the waters within .25 nmi of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.33′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long, to 56°12.06′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long, and east of a line from 56°11.96′ N lat, 132°29.57′ W long, to 56°11.73′ N lat, 132°29.36′ W long, will be open.

- **NOTE:** (1) From June 15 through June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.19' W long, are closed to the harvest of salmon.
 - (2) From June 26 through July 1, the waters of Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98' W long, are closed to the harvest of salmon.
 - (3) From July 2 through July 10, the waters of Anita Bay THA west of 132°28.00' W long, are closed to the harvest of salmon.

CHATHAM STRAIT AND FREDERICK SOUND AREAS

Port Armstrong Special Harvest Area (Fishery Area 109-11): In the waters of Port Armstrong west of a line from Point Eliza at 56°17.73′ N lat, 134°38.75′ W long, to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56°17.98′ N lat, 134°38.35′ W long. Waters north of a line from 56°17.61′ N lat, 134°40.27′ W long, to 56°17.67′ N lat, 134°39.64′ W long, are closed.

<u>Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery Area 109-41)</u>: In the waters of Keku Strait enclosed by a line from a rocky point on the northern end of Kuiu Island located on the east side of Southeast Cove at 56°52.95′ N lat, 134°01.33′ W

long, to the northwest corner of Hound Island at $56^{\circ}53.12'$ N lat, $133^{\circ}56.77'$ W long, then northwest connecting points along the northern shore of Keku Islands at $56^{\circ}53.98'$ N lat, $133^{\circ}57.58'$ W long, to $56^{\circ}54.90'$ N lat, $133^{\circ}59.53'$ W long, to $56^{\circ}55.93'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}00.97'$ W long, to $56^{\circ}55.95'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}02.15'$ W long, to $56^{\circ}55.22'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}02.53'$ W long, to $56^{\circ}56.37'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}06.62'$ W long, then to the northwest corner of Payne Island at $56^{\circ}57.45'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}08.75'$ W long, then south to a point on Kuiu Island at $56^{\circ}55.08'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}09.25'$ W long.

Keku Strait Area (Fishery Area 109-42): In the waters of Districts 9 and 10 enclosed by a line extending from 1.0 nmi north of Cornwallis Point Light at 56°56.80′ N lat, 134°16.43′ W long, to Pinta Rocks Light 57°05.15′ N lat, 134°00.76′ W long, to Cape Bendel 57°04.27′ N lat, 134°00.76′ W long. Waters of the Southeast Cove THA and the Gunnuk Creek SHA are excluded.

Thomas Bay Special Harvest Area (Fishery Area 110-12): In the waters of Thomas Bay northeast of a line from Point Vandeput at 57°00.94′ N lat, 133°00.02′ W long, to Wood Point at 56°59.54′ N lat, 132°56.95′ W long, northwest of a line from a point on the mainland shoreline at 56°59.57′ N lat, 132°54.02′ W long, to Ruth Island at 57°00.42′ N lat, 132°51.07′ W long, north of line from a point on the southeastern shoreline of Ruth Island at 56°58.70′ N lat, 132°49.13′ W long, to the mainland shoreline at 56°58.70′ N lat, 132°47.32′ W long, west of a line from the mainland shoreline at 56°59.38′ N lat, 132°47.60′ W long, to the southern tip of Spray Island at 56°59.80′ N lat, 132°47.73′ W long, to the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07′ N lat, 132°47.80′ W long, to the mainland shoreline at 57°00.56′ N lat, 132°47.57′ W long, and south of a line from 57°03.00′ N lat, 132°49.62′ W long, to 57°03.00′ N lat, 132°52.03′ W long.

The waters of Spurt Cove are closed northwest of a line from 57°01.98′ N lat, 132°52.49′ W long, to 57°02.08′ N lat, 132°52.37′ W long.

Waters northeast of a line from the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07′ N lat, 132°47.80′ W long, to a point on the northern boundary line approximately .50 nmi from the mainland shoreline at 57°03.00′ N lat, 132°50.55′ W long, are closed Saturdays and Sundays of each week.

<u>Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 112-22) modified area:</u> In the waters of Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12-A within 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83′ N lat (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay [5 AAC 33.374(a)]. Beginning June 15, the THA will expand from within 1.0 to within 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline.

SITKA AREAS

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01): In the waters of Sitka Sound northeast of a line from Kulichkof Rock to Vitskari Island Light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°03.42′ N lat, 135°36.00′ W long, southwest of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00′ N lat, 135°35.00′ W long, to 57°01.50′ N lat, 135°24.25′ W long (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00′ N lat, 135°35.00′ W long, through The Eckholms Light, with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to Kulichkof Rock.

Redoubt Bay (Fishery area 113-30): In the waters of Sitka Sound south of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock and east of a line from Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island, and from the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.40′ N lat, 135°23.49′ W long.

Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-31) modified stat area number: In the waters enclosed by a line from Baranof Island at 56°51.40′ N lat, 135°23.49′ W long, to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the westernmost point on Torsar Island at 56°51.06′ N lat, 135°26.00′ W long, and from the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the easternmost tip of Blackbird Island to a point on Legma Island at 56°50.00′ N lat, 135°26.53′ W long, and north of the latitude of a line from Legma Island to Elovoi Island at 56°49.20′ N lat, and north and west of a line from Elovoi Island at 56°49.44′ N lat, 135°23.15′ W long, to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.58′ N lat, 135°22.60′ W long.

West Crawfish Inlet (Fishery area 113-32) new area: In the waters of West Crawfish Inlet, First Narrows, and Second Narrows northeast of a line from 56°46.60′ N lat, 135°18.53′ W long, to 56°43.30′ N lat, 135°17.81′ W long, excluding all waters of the Crawfish Inlet THA.

<u>Crawfish Inlet Terminal and Special Harvest Areas (Fishery area 113-33)</u>: In the waters east of a line from 56°44.16′ N lat, 135°15.80′ W long, to 56°43.30′ N lat, 135°17.81′ W long, to 56°41.93′ N lat, 135°17.54′ W long, to 56°41.14′ N lat,

135°13.80′ W long, including the waters of Jamboree Bay, Cedar Pass south of 56°47.14′ N lat, and Crawfish Inlet west of 135°11.05′ W long. Waters of the SHA, east of 135°11.05′ W long, are open concurrent to the THA.

Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 113-35): In the waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.98′ N lat, 135°15.00′ W long, to Silver Point at 57°00.82′ N lat, 135°18.10′ W long. The waters of Bear Cove are closed east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.77′ N lat, 135°09.08′ W long, to the north shore at 57°00.94′ N lat, 135°09.23′ W long.

Sitka Sound Area (Fishery area 113-41) modified area: In the waters of Sitka Sound, Krestof Sound, and Neva Strait south of 57°15.00′ N lat, and north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock to 57°01.50′ N lat, 135°24.25′ W long (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00′ N lat, 135°35.00′ W long, and through The Eckholms Light with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00′ N lat, 135°35.00′ W long, including the waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound, and Katlian Bay.

The waters of the Silver Bay THA, as described above, are included in the Sitka Sound Area through May 31. The waters of the Deep Inlet THA, as described below, are included in the Sitka Sound Area through June 1. These areas will open as the Silver Bay and Deep Inlet THAs beginning June 1 and June 2, respectively.

Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 113-38): In the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56°59.35′ N lat, 135°22.63′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Long Island at 56°59.95′ N lat, 135°21.92′ W long, to the easternmost tip of Long Island at 56°59.95′ N lat, 135°20.36′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island at 57°00.08′ N lat, 135°20.01′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Error Island at 57°00.53′ N lat, 135°19.50′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Berry Island at 57°00.32′ N lat, 135°18.68′ W long, to the southernmost tip of Berry Island at 57°00.27′ N lat, 135°18.51′ W long, to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group at 57°00.14′ N lat, 135°18.27′ W long, to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group at 57°00.07′ N lat, 135°17.93′ W long, to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.30′ N lat, 135°17.67′ W long, to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08′ N lat, 135°16.78′ W long, and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93′ N lat, 135°16.53′ W long. Waters of Sandy Cove will be closed.

From June 2 through June 20, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75′ W long, are open continuously to troll gear as part of the THA, with waters east of 135°20.75′ W long, open to troll gear when net fisheries are closed. On June 21, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will follow the rotational schedule with troll openings occurring on days when net gear is closed.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In the waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.56′ N lat, waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46.00′ W long, including Sukoi Inlet and waters of Neva Strait north of 57°15.00′ N lat.

NORTH CHATHAM STRAIT AND ICY STRAIT AREAS

Northern Chatham Strait Enhanced Chum (Fishery area 112-16): In the waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.29′ N lat, 134°53.27′ W long, to 58°10.40′ N lat, 135°02.63′ W long, to 58°07.78′ N lat, 135°00.78′ W long, to 58°05.81′ N lat, 134°47.09′ W long.

Cross Sound (Fishery area 114-21): In the waters of Section 14-A west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Dundas at 58°18.93′ N lat, 136°16.79′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Lemsurier Island at 58°16.74′ N lat, 136°09.50′ W long, to the prominent point on the northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43′ N lat, 136°16.75′ W long, east of the line of longitude extending south from the southernmost tip of Taylor Island at 58°16.98′ N lat, 136°29.02′ W long, to the point on that line that intersects at 58°10.00′ N lat, north of a line that continues east to Althorp Rock Light at 58°09.98′ N lat, 136°21.56′ W long, and west of the line continuing north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove at 58°11.81′ N lat, 136°21.07′ W long.

South Passage (Fishery area 114-23): In the waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line extending from the prominent point on the northeastern side of Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43′ N lat, 136°16.75′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island at 58°16.74′ N lat, 136°09.50′ W long, from the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Island at 58°19.14′ N lat, 136°02.43′ W long, to Point Gustavus at 58°22.77′ N lat, 135°55.07′ W long, and east of a line from Point Adolphus at 58°17.25′ N lat, 135°47.00′ W long, to a point 1.0 nmi north of Point Adolphus at 58°18.04′ N lat, 135°47.00′ W long, north of a line continuing southwest to 58°14.65′ N lat, 135°32.20′ W long, and west of the line extending north from that point through Noon Point on the 135°32.20′ W long, including the waters of Icy Passage.

<u>Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25)</u>: In the waters of Icy Strait east of the longitude of Noon Point at 135°32.20′ W long, and west of 135°09.60′ W long, and north of a line from 58°09.58′ N lat, 135°09.60′ W long, to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.78′ N lat, 135°15.48′ W long, to 58°14.65′ N lat, 135°32.20′ W long.

Point Couverden (Fishery area 114-26): In the waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.63′ N lat, 135°09.60′ W long, to 58°09.58′ N lat, 135°09.60′ W long, to 58°07.78′ N lat, 135°00.78′ W long, to 58°10.00′ N lat, 135°02.35′ W long, to 58°10.00′ N lat, 135°06.24′ W long, to 58°11.63′ N lat, 135°09.60′ W long.

YAKUTAT AREA

<u>Yakutat Bay</u> (Fishery Area 183-10): In the waters of Yakutat Bay east of a line from Point Manby at 59°41.66′ N lat, 140°19.70′ W long to Ocean Cape at 59°32.06′ N lat, 139°51.46′ W long.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0220, 1S0320.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

Advisory Announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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